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PUB SAFE DRUNK DUO'S TICKET TO THE WORLD CUP

Pair of drunks steal pub cash to fund foiled dash to South Africa

TWO drunks locked in a pub conceived a wacky plan to watch the World Cup by swiping nearly £6,000 from the safe and jetting off to South Africa.

Barman Michael Frampton, 20, and regular customer George Warner had been boozing with landlord Michael Simmonds at the Wall, Tavern, Whitstable through an all night lock in.

When Mr Simmonds went to sleep they raided the pub safe, Canterbury Magistrates were told.

They took £5,773 from the safe as

■ BY IAN READ

Frampton, of Nightingale Avenue, Whitstable, had the key, and called a taxi to take them to Manston Airport.

The pair didn't realise the only passenger flights they were likely to get were to Edinburgh or Jersey and the only intercontinental flights were cargo only.

So the dozy drunks got the cab driver to take them to Gatwick where they bought tickets to Turkey intending to get an onward flight to South Africa.

They were grabbed by officers as they attempted to board.

Alan Balneaves, defending Warner,

27, of Argyll Road, Whitstable, said: "They got drunk and decided to go and see the England versus Germany match. They started drinking at 1pm on the Saturday and were still at it at 5.30 the following morning.

"My client has a serious heart condition which means he can't fly. He was so drunk he forgot this. He could have died on the flight to South Africa. It was a highly impulsive act."

Debbie Pizzey, defending Frampton said: "Once they were off to the airport my client was at the point of no return, although they first went to an airport they couldn't travel from."

Both men admitted theft and the case was adjourned until September 9 for probation reports.



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Health trust calls for affordable homes to keep family balance

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

POOR people will be forced from the area by overcrowding and high house prices if our "congested" city is not dealt with, according to an NHS report.

Eastern and Coastal Kent NHS, the body responsible for healthcare in the area, has released a document on the health impacts of building houses, roads and amenities in the next 15 years.

The report concluded: "The pressure on housing availability and cost associated with higher income groups moving into the area could combine with existing pressures from the high proportion of students in Canterbury to cause competition for affordable housing and facilities.

"This would subsequently cause tension and displacement of poorer groups from some areas. Canterbury is seen as congested, with high competition for existing housing and high housing costs."

The document is part of Canterbury council's consultation for its Local Development Framework, which will determine where houses, schools, roads and other facilities will be built until 2026.

Impacts

It was commissioned by the area's NHS assistant director of public health, Dr Jonathon Sexton.

He said: "There are always positive and negative impacts to planning programmes. The health of the community is not only determined by its health services, but also by a wide range of economic, social, psychological and environmental influences.

"As the population of Canterbury is expected to grow by more than 10 per cent between 2001 and 2026, it is vital that the effects on population health are considered."

Northgate and Westgate wards are expected to bear the brunt of this expansion. Between 2006 and 2016 their populations are expected to grow by 22.4 per cent and 17.2 per cent respectively.

Dr Sexton said: "Our suggestion is that planning policy should actively promote the needs of a balanced



Picture: JOSH THOMAS

WARNING: Overcrowding and high house prices will force people out of Canterbury

population to accommodate an appropriate range of family types and household incomes, rather than accommodating the market preferences of developers."

Canterbury council is responsible for deciding what will be built where, taking into account future population problems.

Gary Peskett, the council's planning strategy and improvement manager, said: "It is a fact that Canterbury district accommodation generally is more expensive than the neighbouring districts both to buy and to rent.

"That does have an impact on people who are on a low income. Canterbury being a success story brings challenges.

"Wherever there is housing development the council seeks for 35 per cent of it to be affordable homes. Over the last five years there have been an extra 558 new affordable homes built in the district, and most of those have been in the city.

"We are doing our best to ensure 120 new affordable homes are built every year in the district. We are also trying to encourage better use of existing homes in the district. For example, we trying to encourage people whose families have left home to consider downsizing."



EXCHANGE: French police officer Johan Tourbier who spotted raiders from his hotel during a visit

French connection prevents burglary

A FRENCH police officer on an exchange programme with Kent police foiled an attempted break-in at the new Marlowe Theatre.

Johan Tourbier, Jimmy Clain and Eric Gaudet left their firearms behind and spent three weeks visiting different departments and working with their English counterparts to compare notes on policing.

Officers from Kent crossed the channel last year to take part in the same scheme.

Officer Tourbier foiled a burglary at the new Marlowe Theatre and arrested two men after spotting them attempting to break into the construction site from the hotel where he was staying.

The trio even appeared on the national French television news after a crew visited to film them in the city.



CARNAGE: Vauxhall Vectra and Astra after the collision on Littlebourne Road on Saturday

Drink-driving arrest after Vauxhalls collide

A FAMILY had a lucky escape after a crash in Littlebourne.

A Vauxhall Astra and Vauxhall Vectra collided on Littlebourne Road on Saturday, August 14 at 4.20pm, causing the Vectra to flip over and land in the bushes.

The female passenger in the Vectra suffered a fractured wrist and was taken to hospital for treatment together with the male driver and the three children in the back, who had bruising.

The driver of the Astra suffered a fractured collarbone and was also taken to hospital.

A 27-year-old man from Littlebourne has been arrested on suspicion of drink-driving and has been bailed pending further inquiries until Thursday, September 2.

Plans open to public scrutiny

HAVE your say in Herne Bay's future as part of a six-week consultation which started on Monday.

Canterbury council is working with its partners Coplan and Denne on proposals for the Central Development Area, which includes a supermarket, smaller shop units, housing, a hotel and a medical centre.

A draft masterplan for the area will be on display at Christ Church in William Street, from Mondays to Saturdays between 10am and 4pm

(1pm to 4pm on Wednesdays) until Saturday, September 25.

Hard copies of the draft plan can be viewed at the council office in William Street and Herne Bay library, and at the main council office in Military Road, Canterbury. Residents will be able to give their views by filling in questionnaires.

Executive member for Herne Bay regeneration, Cllr Peter Lee, said: "This draft masterplan draws together the results of previous

consultations about ideas for the regeneration of the town centre.

"It is the final stage before we submit a planning application for the scheme, so it's important we get the final seal of approval from local residents."

The council and Coplan staff will also hold a series of question and answer sessions at Christ Church. More information is available online at www.canterbury.gov.uk/hernebay projects.

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Council's big vision 'not what the people want'

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

MORE than 3,000 comments have been published on the council's controversial strategy for the future of the district.

The responses are part of consultation for the area's Local Development Framework, which determines policies for house-building, transport, education and a lot more besides for the next 15 years.

Dr Geoff Meaden of Canterbury's Green Party said: "There is a huge amount of interest in this issue and the council doesn't appreciate how much people want to contribute to what is going on.

Opinions

"The original document was a total fait accompli. Nobody was asked about their opinions – it was presented as what the council wanted. The responses clearly show this is not what the people want at all.

"It is good to hear people had so many good ideas, and hardly anybody wanted all of the housing in Canterbury. Houses need to be spread around a bit and put in different areas.

"It was a triumph of democracy – it shows people from the bottom up wanting to have their voices heard. It is people getting their say."

Hundreds of people objected to the council's preferred option of building thousands of homes to the south of Canterbury, and many were also against the idea of expanding the larger villages.



HAVE YOUR SAY: There has been a big response to the plans put forward in the Local Development Framework

There was a mixed reaction to adding homes on to the coastal towns, a completely new settlement and filling in city-centre space.

The most popular options were dispersing new housing around the city perimeter and throughout the district.

The village of Hersden was mentioned nearly 900 times as a new development there is a popular alternative to building more homes near Canterbury.

Cllr Alex Perkins, the council's opposition leader, said: "The majority of people were quite clearly against, by a country mile, the plans put forward as to the developments at the south of Canterbury and in favour of the Hersden option, which was mentioned continually by respondents.

"We can only hope people will now be listened to. The Government stipulation for the number of houses has now been removed, however, they have made it clear there must be more houses. We must discern how many that will be and facilitate their building.

"As the only large sites for housing put forward were those south of Canterbury we have to be very careful as to what happens next. But we live in hope. Certainly we won't take our eyes off this one."

But the council is now in legal planning limbo because the South East Plan which the Local Development Framework was based on has been scrapped by the new government.

This means Canterbury council will have more power over the number and location of houses than before, but only once new planning law is enacted at the end of the year.

Council leader Cllr John Gilbey said: "I would like to thank everyone who took the time to give us their views on the Core Strategy.

"Public participation on this important document was much appreciated. We look forward to the future of the planning system being resolved by parliament."

McDonald's coach park advert a sign of 'difficult times'

WHAT would you expect to see on arriving in Canterbury?

The lofty cathedral spires, the historic cobbled streets or the imposing Westgate Tower perhaps?

What you actually see is a pair of golden arches, at least if you pull up at the city's new coach station.

The most prominent notice thousands of tourists see when they disembark is a large sign directing them towards McDonald's fast food outlet.

The advertising space was sold to the eatery by Canterbury council, which has defended the decision because it brings in much-needed funds.

A council spokesman said: "Selling advertising and gaining sponsorship brings in important revenue for the council.

Information

"We have a wide range of opportunities and we speak local and national businesses about how we can meet their needs, in the light of reduced advertising budgets in these difficult financial times.

"The coach park's welcome centre contains information about all the district has to offer, as well as public toilets, so it's not true visitors only see this advert and nothing else when they arrive.

"The company currently advertising at the coach park has a business in the city centre that is used by many people every day. We are happy that it is a suitable place for advertising and the advertiser is appropriate for the location."

Canterbury McDonald's franchisee, Paul Crocker, said: "There are lots of visitors to Canterbury and our advertising informs visitors where my restaurant is.

"My restaurants operate as part of the local community and this is evident in Canterbury, where I work on a number of community events, such as the annual sports awards."

Escape from car smash on bridge

A CRASHED car hanging dangerously off a bridge over the A2 had to be winched away from the dual carriageway earlier this week.

The car's occupants managed to free themselves from their damaged vehicle before firemen spent half an hour pulling it back from the edge of the bridge.

The car was suspended above the coast-bound carriageway near Canterbury between 10.30pm and 11.15pm on Wednesday, August 11.

Festival fun day at the pavilion

HERNE Bay pavilion is celebrating its 100-year anniversary by opening its doors for a fun day at the start of the Herne Bay Festival.

The celebrations will kick off at 10am on Saturday, August 21, with activities including football, roller-skating and an exhibition exploring the 'Past and Future' of the pier.

The Herne Bay Pier Trust will be there all weekend to answer your questions about the renovations next year.

Entrance to the gym is free all day and classes and racquet sports will only cost a pound.

Picnic part of project to build community spirit

A GIANT picnic will soon be thrown for the townspeople of Herne Bay thanks to social entrepreneurs who want to bring the community together.

Organisers expect activities such as gardening, flower-making, bag-decorating, swordsmanship tryouts, roman pot-making and giant games to attract as many as 1,000 people to the event.

Frances Moran of People United, the group behind the event, said: "We have had a pretty good response to this considering it is a Bank Holiday weekend in August and it is a Sunday. All the people running the stalls are really happy to do it.

Activities

"The children's centre beside the park will plant an orchard that day, and they will be encouraging people to get involved. The whole project is about encouraging people to do new things that are for the town.

"We have all sorts of groups that do activities in Herne Bay encouraging people to join in and volunteer for things. This is not just for one day – it is activities for the rest of the year."

The picnic will feature many stalls with opportunities for learning, volunteering and things to do in Herne Bay, as well as some selling coffee, ice-

cream, juices and Fair Trade snacks.

It has been organised as part of Herne Bay's We All Do Good Things Project, which has held a number of activities throughout the year including inter-generational bingo, photographic workshops and cake decorating sessions.

Town centre manager Chris West said: "The project has engaged the community and has also given them a profile to have work exhibited. I think the photo workshops and things have been excellent.

"The picnic is a fantastic idea because it will be a large event which I am sure local people will support.

"I think the project will have a lasting effect. It has made people think about things they perhaps would not have done before. Also, in some cases, it has allowed community groups to unite and work together, and I would hope that would continue."

The picnic runs from 11am until 2pm on Sunday, August 29, with live music from the Invicta Concert Band and South African band U'Zambezi.

The music will culminate in an attempt to set the world record for the highest number of people to sing 'Oh We Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside'. Picnic-goers should bring their own food and children should bring an adult.

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AS NATURE INTENDED: Campaigners hope the council decision means the Downs will now remain unspoiled

Downs saved as beach hut plans are quashed

THE battle for Herne Bay Downs is over as the council's executive unanimously passed a motion to end talks with beach hut developers.

A fight has been rumbling on between Canterbury council and the Save Our Downs campaign group since companies showed an interest in building beach huts on the public land more than a year and a half ago.

Phil Rose, coordinator of the Save Our Downs campaign, said: "This is a big step in the right direction because in cancelling the beach hut proposal it means the council is not going to be ruining the Downs."

"In working with the local community it means together we will be enhancing the Downs. If we can get the village green registration it means we will be able to keep it that way."

"At the moment we are at two out of three. It is not being messed up, we are making it better, and hopefully soon we will be able to keep it lovely forever."

"If it becomes a village green there are legal restrictions protecting it from any kind of development – it becomes shared space for everyone."

"When it was originally given to the town over 100 years ago that was the general intention – that the whole area should be

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

available for all the people of Herne Bay to use freely forever."

The beach hut idea was eventually ended because of an engineering report stating the downs are unstable and contain important drainage works.

During the meeting on Thursday, August 12, Cllr Rosemary Doyle said: "The downs is an extraordinary network of herringbone drains and special monitors that have to be looked at to ensure that area stays safe and stable, which we really want to ensure is the case."

"Therefore we have decided building beach huts on here would not be a good idea."

Conservative Cllr Gillian Reuby, representing Reculver ward, said: "I very much welcome this report. It has been a long time coming – over 18 months of uncertainty – causing much distress to the very many residents who appreciate the Downs for their natural and peaceful state."

"I am, however, concerned the decision was taken to go ahead with the beach hut proposal prior to the engineering report. If this had been undertaken initially all the stresses could have been alleviated."

"The only good thing that has come from this is that it has united residents and that they are talking to each other."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Drunk smashes window

ANGRY Ashley Page punched a shop window after he was thrown out of a pub following an argument with bar staff.

Page, 24, of Bawden Close, Canterbury, admitted smashing the window in The Burgate in a fit of drunken anger, the city magistrates were told.

Julie Farbrace, prosecuting, said Page was being tended by paramedics when police arrived as blood was streaming from his hand.

She said: "They were alerted by bar staff who heard the glass smashing at Fired Earth after an argument with their manager."

When Page was questioned at Canterbury Police Station a small quantity of cannabis was found on him.

Page told the court: "I was drunk and I have a bit of a problem with my anger. I took it out on the window. I shouldn't have."

The case was adjourned until September 16 for probation reports to be prepared.

Man hurt in subway fight

AN attack in which a man lost a tooth has left police appealing for witnesses.

On Saturday, June 19, at 12.45am in St George's Lane, Canterbury, a 22-year-old man was walking through the subway near Fenwicks with a friend.

The pair got into an argument with a group of people and the victim was punched in the face. He also had injuries to his face and cannot remember exactly what happened.

Witnesses are urged to call the police on 01622 690690.

Lifeboat call false alarm

A CONCERNED member of the public thought they spotted a rowing boat frantically bailing water near Herne Bay and called the coastguard.

Whitstable RNLI rushed to the scene at 1.32pm on Friday, August 13, only to find the two-man crew had been throwing weed overboard that had caught in their nets.

The pair confirmed they were not in any difficulty and the lifeboat returned.

Dave Parry, lifeboat helmsman, said: "While on this occasion the call was a false alarm, it cannot be emphasised enough that the prompt actions of those onshore has, over the years, resulted in numerous rescues."

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Man wanted after McDonald's attack

POLICE want to talk to this man after a violent attack was carried out in McDonald's in Canterbury.

A 26-year-old man had a cut head as a result of the assault, which occurred between 8pm and 10pm on Monday, July 12.

The victim had to be taken to hospital because of his head injury and does not remember exactly what happened.

Anyone who can help should call police on 01622 690 690.





CROWD PLEASER: This year's Herne Bay Festival promises to have something for all the family during the nine days it is on

Nine-day festival showcases what town really has to offer

■ BY ROSANNA TENNANT

THERE'S something for everyone at this year's Herne Bay Festival.

The nine-day celebration showcases all the town and its beautiful coastline has to offer.

Running from Saturday, August 21 to Sunday, August 29, the schedule is jam-packed with activities and will feature almost 200 free events including dance, arts, literature, music, theatre and sports.

There will be performances and workshops for all the family and two weekends full of demonstrations and live music.

It all kicks-off on Saturday at noon with a performance from the Birchington Brass Band in the bandstand.

A special ice-cream will also be on sale in the bandstand. Canterbury council and Makcari's coffee shop have been running a competition to find a flavour that reflects the fun of the festival which will be announced on the day.

Screen on the Green is returning this year with three very fishy themed films.

Finding Nemo, Hook and Jaws will be shown on an outdoor screen in the Memorial Park starting from 4pm on Friday, August 27. The screenings are all free of charge.



The festival's also has new-look website with dates and times of all the attractions.

Executive member for arts and events councillor Ann Taylor said: "It's a fabulous line-up of events this year with a wide range of things for people of all ages to enjoy. We're looking forward to a fantastic week."

"I would particularly like to thank the many Herne Bay groups supporting the festival by running exhibitions and events. It's a festival for the community and the

involvement of local people makes it what it is."

Just to ensure the festival goes off with a bang the it will close with a second display of fireworks, set off from the Neptune's Arm.

The Herne Bay Festival is organised and funded by Canterbury council and sponsored by Cains Amusements, Coplan/Denne, Kings Caterers, The Ship, Makcari's, J&J Recruitment and South East Water.

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Major sea defence work is to begin

NEARLY 500 households between Seasalter and Graveney will benefit from better sea defences thanks to the Environment Agency.

On Monday, August 16 the organisation began on the £1.1 million project. Without the essential work 473 households would be at risk of flooding during storms within five years' time.

Building work is likely to be finished by the end of October, but until then parts of the beach will be inaccessible while the groynes are refurbished and shingle is delivered. Alternative paths will be set up.

The organisation has said there is likely to be more traffic in the area while there are deliveries, but it is doing its best to minimise disturbance and there are no plans for work at weekends or at night.

Mark Douch of the Environment Agency said: "With our climate changing and sea levels rising, the risks and the number of people affected is likely to increase.

"With this in mind, I am very pleased that funding has been secured for this vital sea defence work and I would like to thank the community in advance for their understanding while construction is taking place.

"Opinions received from the community have been essential in shaping the way in which the project will be delivered and we want residents to remain involved.

"We will continue to work closely with community groups, local authorities and our partner environmental organisations, such as the RSPB and Natural England, throughout construction of the project."

Award winning Bay director's movie premier

A DARK film reminiscent of a Hitchcock thriller showcased the work of a Herne Bay filmmaker at its world premiere last week.

Russell Gomm, who won best film at the Kent Film Festival 2008 for his short film Dark Roads, hopes to win the same acclaim with his latest neo-noir murder movie.

Murder in Mind, which premiered at the Herne Bay Little Theatre on Friday, August 13, is a psychological film in which police are trying to find the man who slit a woman's throat in her bedroom.

The prime suspect is the victim's boyfriend who is found unconscious on the bedroom floor with the razor in his hand. Yet he cannot remember what happened and insists he is not the killer.

The film is peppered with recognisable locations such as Herne Bay railway station and the University of Kent.

The director uses unusual techniques to indicate memories, leaves shots long for realism and leaves the actors to tell the story.

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

Mr Gomm said: "We were quite intent on watching dark thrillers and I am a massive fan of Hitchcock and all his old work. If you look at films like Psycho and Rope there is a really dark sense in there, and Hitchcock had a really dark sense of humour.

"Back in 2001 I was working at the Herne Bay cinema and I made friends with the projectionist there. He had worked for the BBC and he was a massive fan of Hitchcock, so we started concocting little Hitchcockian stories. We wrote this script together for a writing competition.

"These stories excite me. I am a big fan of characters that are not exactly good or bad, and you don't find them outside psychological thrillers."

But because of the logistics involved Mr Gomm's film has only just come to fruition thanks to volunteer actors and a dedicated local crew. It was shot in two days and cut just in time for the festival's deadline.

Next Mr Gomm wants to shoot a short horror



DARK SCENE: Russell Gomm's film, Murder in Mind, premiered at the Herne Bay Little Theatre on Friday

film and has two music films to finish for clients, but then he hopes to embark on his first full-length production.

He said: "There is no money in this. The only money is in feature films really. It is not done for money – it is done for love. I just love making films and I loved putting this together. I love the whole process."

The film will be screened at the Kent Film Festival, held on September 25 at Christ Church University, North Holmes Road, Canterbury.

For more information about Russell Gomm and his work go to www.aurorapictures.net.

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MARK JONES



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Q What is a normal day for you?

A A normal day for me as a watch manager is very varied. Because we work shift patterns it can vary between days off, paperwork, training issues, station premises issues, requests for community involvement may come through to the station and then 999 calls. We have loud alarms that can go off as they need to be able to wake people up when they are having a kip at night. We do 15 hour night shifts between 6pm and 9am and have a stand down period between 12 midnight and 7am. I sleep particularly badly at the fire station. When we get a call the adrenaline kicks in straight away and afterwards the adrenaline is still flowing to keep you awake

and it doesn't get out of your system so you can get to sleep again. Our call outs are very varied – we get a fair amount of automatic fire alarms. We also do a lot of road traffic collisions and a lot of fires; rubbish fires, bin fires, structural fires, house fires and that sort of thing. We have to attend a whole pantheon of incidents.

Q What is the most difficult situation for you to deal with?

A The most difficult situation is a life or death situation where it is either a person trapped in a fire or a car. As a watch, we had a very serious road traffic collision about a year ago when young men were driving through the woods in Herne and hit a tree, and the driver had some serious fractures to his legs and arms. He was seriously confined by the car mechanism and it took about 40 minutes to get him out; he was rushed off in an air ambulance. I expect his injuries were probably life-threatening at the time so there was a lot of pressure to get him out.

Q What is the most common cause of fatal fires?

A Inattention is one of the most common causes at the moment, particularly unattended cooking. Somebody leaves their cooking, whether due to social factors or drink and drugs, and that can start a serious fire in their kitchen, and smoke overcomes. But we work

hard to drive down those sorts of statistics and to educate people.

Q How quickly can a fire crew get from relaxing or sleeping on watch to a fire?

A We have got a government statutory obligation for a fire engine to be in attendance within 10 minutes of being called. That is to any incident. It takes us probably a minute from the moment the bells go to get out of the doors, so that is a minute for getting out of bed, putting your fire gear on, pulling the instructions for the turnout, getting on the fire engine and going. But then it really depends on where it is and it depends on a number of factors, traffic can have an influence and distance, but generally people are surprised at how quickly we can get there.

Q What is best thing about your job?

A It is the camaraderie – the team spirit. We all work, eat and breathe together for four days, especially working in a high-pressure situation. It is nice to have that friendship and bond amongst each other while you working. It makes the job interesting and rewarding. You make good friends in this service because you are going through the same pressures and stresses of serious fires and fatalities do tend to make you closer together. It is a way of dealing with that type of stress.

Q&A

Reporter **Jenny Armstrong** speaks to the Kent Fire and Rescue Service's Canterbury station watch manager Mark Jones about the highs and the lows of firefighting and the team spirit among the firefighters

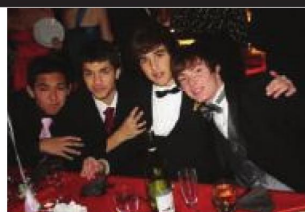
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BY ROSANNA TENNANT

COMEDIAN Dave Lee is hitting the golf course with a host of celebrities to help raise funds to send disabled, underprivileged and terminally ill children on holiday.

The event will bring together avid golfers and stars of stage and screen to battle it out for the title of champion, while raising money for Dave Lee's Happy Holidays.

Last year, Spandau Ballet frontman Tony Hadley and ex-footballer Neil Ruddock were among the 30 celebrities involved and around £25,000 was raised.

The aim is to raise hopefully more this year.

Celebrities expected to attend include comedians Jim Davidson, Bradley Walsh, Joe Pasquale, TV presenter Stephen Mulhern, ex EastEnders' stars Emma Barton and Shaun Williamson, plus from the world of sport Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp and former boxing world champ Barry McGuigan.

Auction

For Dave, from Herne, near Canterbury, this year's golf day is even more significant, with the charity close to reaching the £2 million mark in money raised since it started in 1994.

"Everybody would be so pleased if we reached this target," said Dave. "The charity is run by volunteers – nobody is paid – with all money raised going towards holidays for disabled, underprivileged and terminally ill children from Kent.

"We've got five holiday homes at Camber Sands and we've sent more than 45,000 children and their families on holidays."

Trips have included Tenerife, Disneyland Paris and Disney World in Florida.

Some 1,200 children are also sent to see a Christmas pantomime. This year's Marlowe Theatre panto will be Robin Hood and Dave will be starring as Nurse Nelly, nurse maid to Maid Marion.

Star-studded day on course to top £2m for charity

The KOS Media sponsored charity golf is on Sunday, September 5, at Chart Hills golf club in Biddenden.

A charity dinner in the evening, which last year saw 350 guests, will include a cabaret act from Bobby Davro, music from Chas Hodges – formerly of Chas and Dave – and his band, plus an auction.

For visitors, the gates open at 10am and admission is £5 (children free). There will be free parking, a bar and on course catering. The event organisers are expecting between 2,000 and 12,000 people.

Teams of three are being encouraged to sign up to play, with a celebrity picked to play with them. The cost is £700, including 18 holes of golf on the Nick Faldo designed course, breakfast, pre-dinner drinks and a four-course meal.

Those wanting to come only to the dinner can pay £85 (per head?).

It looks set to be a great day out for all the family, with autograph opportunities and the chance to chat with celebrities so don't forget your camera.

To sign up, call Mr Aylward on 01732 456505 or 07834 468664 or email davelee-happyholidays@tiscali.co.uk.

RAISE A SMILE: Dave Lee's Happy Holidays charity was started by the comedian (right) in 1994, and hopes to top the £2 million mark during this year's celebrity golf event



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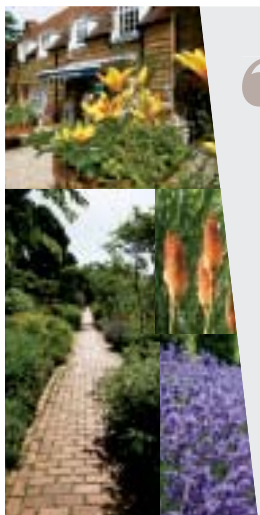
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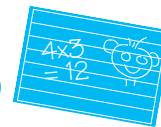
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Research is leader in personalities

PEOPLE can and do lead because they want to help others according to researchers at the University of Kent.

The university said the latest studies have overturned the conventional wisdom of evolutionary biologists and psychologists, who have assumed leadership is the outcome of a competition for status and the right to dominate and exploit others.

According to the research, carried out at the University of Kent which looked at the personalities of those who chose leadership, leaders are social rather than selfish. They also typically earn less than followers and sacrifice their own pay in order to increase that of others.

University gets involved with new creative festival

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

STUDENTS rubbed shoulders with a Rolling Stone and other pop and rock royalty while showcasing their abilities at a new festival over the weekend.

Rocker Ronnie Wood, Simply Red's Mick Hucknall, barefoot sixties pop doyenne Sandie Shaw and Joy Division's Peter Hook were all billed for the event which Canterbury students helped to organise.

On August 13, 15 undergraduates from the University of the Creative Arts held vintage pattern cutting workshops at a vintage studio where festival-goers could dress up and pose for a professional photo inspired by their favourite era.

And the institution's new chancellor, fashion designer Zandra Rhodes, hosted a retrospective catwalk show of her most famous designs. Afterwards she gave a talk about her influences, inspirations and some of the stars she has dressed.

The Vintage at Goodwood festival in West Sussex celebrated British music, fashion, art, film and design from the 1940s to the 1980s.

Calum Mackenzie, associate dean at the university, said: "We are tremendously excited to be part of the UK's newest major festival."

"Vintage at Goodwood fits perfectly with the University for the Creative Arts with its mix of fashion, design, art, film and music, which we specialise in."

The event hosted the first ever festival high street with favourites such as Fortnum &



VINTAGE: What camping will look like at the Vintage at Goodwood festival, and inset, UCA chancellor Zandra Rhodes

Mason, Waitrose, John Lewis and Oxfam as well as bars, designer labels, a cinema and a huge vintage clothes market.

There were live performances from The Faces with Ronnie Wood and Mick Hucknall and The Noisettes.

The festival was organised by honorary University of the Creative Arts graduate, designer and entrepreneur Wayne Hemingway, his wife and Lord March, who

owns the stately home.

Mr Hemingway said: "Vintage at Goodwood offers something fresh and unique to the summer festival circuit and I'm certain it will become a worthy ambassador for Britain's standing as the world's most creative nation."

"I am delighted that UCA has come on board with us and I know their specialist knowledge in fashion and the creative arts will add an extra dimension to the festival."

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YOUR LETTERS

yourblogger

The fact is that road safety is paramount

I have read the piece by Yourblogger Gary Wright, (August 4) in which he slams the Institute of Advanced Motorists for "busying itself with the habits of drunken cyclists".

He says he was shocked to learn you can be fined £1,000 for riding your bike on the road while drunk, but later states that cycling while drunk is not illegal.

The fact you can be fined does suggest to most people it must be illegal, and if Mr Wright had given it a moment's thought that might have occurred to him too.

It is an offence under section 30, Road Traffic Act 1988, to ride a cycle on a road or other public place while under the influence of drink or a drug to such an extent as to be incapable of having proper control of the cycle.

Lest Mr Wright thinks this is the modern nanny-state doing its worst, he should know that for well over 100 years the public have been protected from drunken road users.

Ever since the Licensing Act 1872, it has been, and still is, illegal to be drunk in charge of any carriage (including pedal cycle), horse, cattle, or steam engine.

I can't comment on whether the police would bother with the offence, but one of their primary objects is the protection of life and that surely includes enforcing traffic laws, hopefully with a degree of common sense and discretion.

Any organisation such as the IAM which attempts to promote road safety, even of cyclists, is surely to be commended.

Roger Mardon, Canterbury

As usual - Wright's on the wrong track

I am slightly alarmed by your blogger Gary Wright (August 4).

First of all, he points out that cycling while drunk is "not illegal", despite having previously stated that a person risks being fined for doing so on a road. Then he says that "part" of him (only a part?) wants cyclists off the road.

As a pedestrian, may I point out that I do not want cyclists, whether drunk or sober, on pavements.

I hope that is not what he was hinting at.

Secondly, given Mr Wright's sneering scorn towards overweight people (another of his insightful

yourblogger

BJ Tritton wonders if his generation can ever be forgiven for such a toxic financial legacy

"A YOUNG man who isn't a socialist hasn't got a heart. An old man who is a socialist hasn't got a head."

So said David Lloyd George. And now we ageing baby boomers are getting the blame for leaving the younger generation to pay for our supposed profligacy.

I cannot help but feel this is a distortion. All my life I have defended the welfare state, supported the NHS, had doubts about the free market and felt concern about the economics of home ownership – to name but a few beliefs which could be labeled "socialist".

As a young man, I believed hunger, poverty and inequality could be eradicated. I was aware that for this to happen, especially on a worldwide basis, my own circumstances would be reduced. I was prepared for that, believing quality of life had little to do with the sybaritic standards developing in our society.

I voted for these things, campaigned for these things, made my feelings known – often to disapprobation, if not ridicule, from my peers. Not all of them; there were many who felt the same way. But nothing happened. The inequalities and economic absurdities continued.

My wife and I gave up good jobs and moved to rural Wales, eking out a living in tourism and agriculture, believing there was a possibility capitalism would collapse. Still nothing happened. Despite recession in the early 1970s, society recovered and began to rebuild the house of cards again. Then something happened to me.

The heart began to lose its influence and the head took precedence. By now we had three sons. I realised it was not my place to inflict upon them a lower stan-

dard of living, but to give them all the advantages I could. If they later chose to deny materialism, that had to be their decision, not mine.

I went back to the rat race, played the property game, took financial risks. Am I partly to blame for the imminent collapse of the welfare state? For the debt we are foisting on the younger generation? Of course I am.

Every individual has a responsibility for the society in which they live. But to blame a whole generation for taking advantage of a situation into which we were actively encouraged is absurd. We did it for our children. We are still doing it for our children. Baby boomers are acting as unpaid child minders, subsidising middle-aged children with families, still supporting the generation we are accused of abandoning.

Yes, I fear for the future. I grew up with a welfare state and the NHS. To see it withering away frightens me for the sake of coming generations. I am equally concerned that essential aspects of society are threatened while unnecessary and immoral elements such as Trident renewal seem to survive.

As an individual – and there are many like me – I am more than prepared, for the sake of the generations we are accused of abandoning to an insecure future, to pay more taxes to support a welfare state.

Not, I think, an attitude of a greedy, inconsiderate, parasitic baby boomer. To take from those who can afford it is a better road than to cut services to those who need them. As to those coming generations to whom we are leaving such a poisoned legacy; I admit to my part. Now take your part. Hopefully, you can make a better job of it than we did.

If there is a story in your area you think we should be covering contact the editor, Gareth Arnold, on 01303 817025 or email him on the details above. If you want to be the next Canterbury blogger then all you have to do is submit an article to us (of around 550 words) and email it to the editor. And don't forget, for all the latest news and video from your town log-on to www.yourcanterbury.co.uk.

blogs), I would have thought he would be all in favour of cycling as it presumably burns more calories than driving.

Thirdly, any well-intentioned advice that might reduce the number of road accidents (and the ensuing costs to the NHS) is fine by me.

On a separate topic, I am unimpressed by Malcolm Gilbert's attitude to smoking cessation schemes. It's all very well for him to dismiss smoking as a "lifestyle choice". I am very glad not to have made it one of my choices.

However, I wonder if Mr Gilbert can truthfully say that people who are raped or sexually abused never turn to cigarettes or other addictive substances or behaviours as coping mechanisms? I suspect not.

Katharine A Gilchrist, by email

Celebrate nursing care with nice walk

As a Local Marie Curie Nurse, I am inviting local walkers to make the most of the great British summer evenings by taking part in a fabulous evening of sunset strolling, picnicking and entertainment.

We have two walks taking place at Richmond Park, London on Saturday, August 21 and in Beaulieu, Hampshire on Saturday, September 4.

Walk Ten is a series of unique twilight 10k walks, taking place at stunning locations around the UK this summer – many of which are usually closed to the

public during the evenings.

Walk Ten, is supported by HomeServe, and will help to fund more nursing care for terminally ill patients in Kent.

The walk aims to attract around 500 people which will begin at 6pm with a 10k walk around your chosen location.

After the walk finishes there will be time to settle down with a picnic and enjoy the entertainment, before gathering at 10pm to celebrate that Marie Curie Nurse's all around the UK are beginning their overnight shifts in patient's homes.

For more information about your nearest Walk Ten go to www.mariecurie.org.uk/walkten or call 08700 340 040.

Franky Henley

Quarry warning one that needs heeding

With the school holidays in full flow, young people will be looking for excitement and places to hang out with their friends.

I would like to appeal to parents in your area to ensure that their youngsters are not tempted to enter into local quarries uninvited.

Over the past two years, six young people have died through falls or drowning at the sites of former mineral workings.

While some hazards are obvious, others are less so.

The water in quarries can, for example, be icy cold and deep with unexpected currents and obstacles

hidden beneath the water. Quarry edges can be unstable. Caves dug into sand stockpiles can collapse on you.

As part of our annual campaign, the Mineral Products Association has launched a Facebook page – Stay Safe... Stay Out of Quarries – which highlights not just what can happen if you venture into a quarry without permission, but also the huge impact the death of a young person in a quarry accident has on their friends and families.

The video is about the deaths of Jay Harris and Ryan Walker, two teenagers who died in quarry accidents last year.

We also have a YouTube video under the same title.

They are resources we hope parents and other members of the community will use to help deliver our warning.

So our message is please Stay Safe... Stay Out of quarries.

Elizabeth Clements,
Mineral Products Association

Volunteers needed to keep up good work

Kent Equality Cohesion Council came into being in April – previously we were called the North West Kent Racial Equality Council.

The change in name reflects how our work has evolved over the years.

Over time we started to push back the boundaries and evolve our work.

In Kent, we have worked hard with limited resources to ensure

all sections of the community are engaged and have an opportunity to participate.

Our work covers many areas of the county including organising three major festivals – known as melas – in Dartford, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells.

In addition to our work through the arts to promote cohesion, we also organise – in partnership with community groups – events to promote understanding and to discuss issues.

There is a real danger, though, in the current economic climate, as spending cuts take hold, that the work we and other charities around the county do will be under threat.

This year already we have had to make staffing cuts and cut budgets back so drastically that there is nothing left to cut.

We are relying more on volunteers than ever before and seem to be working so hard just to survive.

The long-term consequence of this is that organisations such as ours will fold and the work will just stop.

Building up community cohesion and good relations doesn't just happen by accident, it involves building effective partnerships between the community and statutory sector and most importantly time, commitment and community buy in.

Gurvinder Sandher, director of the
Kent Equality Cohesion Council

Working to stop cycle of our jobless families

Nearly one in eight children living in the South East are growing up in a home where no one has a job.

Alarming, this equates to 176,000 youngsters who, according to a new report from The Prince's Trust and Qa Research, are significantly more likely to struggle when it comes to finding work.

For many growing up in workless families, it is 'normal' not to have a job, not to go to work and earn a steady wage.

Many lack confidence yet we know that they want to work. In the South East, eight in ten say that finding a good job is their main priority for the future.

Qa Research has found that young people across the region are facing a cycle of worklessness and many can't see a way out.

It is an absolute tragedy to think that so many feel condemned to a life on benefits when they are capable of so much more.

More worryingly, they are likely to be driven further from the jobs market, as they struggle to compete with the post-recession backlog of unemployed graduates.

It is organisations like The Prince's Trust, working with local councils, businesses and individuals, that are key to helping young people into jobs. Only by giving them skills, confidence and positive role models can we help them escape unemployment for good.

If we fail to stop these disadvantaged young people becoming disadvantaged adults, this cycle will continue to blight these families for generations to come.

Rosemary Watt-Wyness, South East regional director, The Prince's Trust



ON AIR: Ed Hill, second left, and the CHR team with Lord Mayor Cllr Pat Todd

If in doubt, always start with a blast of Sammy Davis Jr

CANTERBURY Hospital Radio embarked on a live 24-hour sponsored broadcast.

As one of the team of presenters involved, I drew the short straw of being the first to start the radio marathon at noon on Saturday.

Armed with nearly my entire CD collection I hoped it would be a good show. I started the broadcast with a number by Sammy Davis Jr. His performances are filled with so much energy – I hoped it would be a good omen.

I also had a list of requests from patients collected from the wards. These can often be surprising and although the station's archive is extensive, there is often a number or two that can be hard to track down.

One thing working on the station has made me realise is the wide range of people's interest in music. There so many genres and artists and more coming along every minute.

Canterbury Hospital Radio (CHR) has been providing patients with an 'interactive' service long before that word was ever heard of in the media.

Its unique asset is the contact with patients, hopefully making their time on the ward a bit more bearable.

For example, one patient had nearly an entire half hour of country music dedicated to him. With 24 hours to fill, just one song seemed a bit mean to me.

With my first three-hour session over I passed the baton to Gavin and Jonathon who would be doing a run down of the latest charts. CHR is a free service run entirely

■ BY ED HILL

by volunteers. Its members are not only involved in presenting but in all the other aspects needed to keep it running.

This includes the technical knowledge of maintaining the studio, administration and fund-raising.

When not broadcasting live the station provides music and programmes around the clock thanks to its computerised system.

My last of several sessions at the mic was early on Sunday. I awoke bleary-eyed having caught just a few hours' sleep to begin again at 6am. Two hours into the show 11-year-old Jessica Redfearn and her mum Tarnia, from Ashford, came to the studio to talk about the little known phenomenon of strokes in young children.

With my last three-hour session over, the Lord Mayor of Canterbury, Cllr Pat Todd, came in to talk to one of our newest presenters, Mark. He spoke about the role of the Lord Mayor and the prospects of local athletes at the 2012 Olympics.

CHR fundraiser Stevie Mckennon said: "I would like to thank all the volunteers and sponsors who helped make the broadcast a success. We are in the process of improving our service for patients and our looking for new members."

To donate or find out more email admin@chradio.org.uk

Stroke rehab team wants volunteers for research

A NATIONAL stroke rehabilitation study called Getting out of the House is looking for volunteers.

An NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent team headed by Dr David Smithard is one of ten across the UK taking part in the research project. Getting out of the house after a stroke is important and the team is looking for volunteers to help improve stroke rehab. Volunteers will be offered information about travel and transport in the area and the team will also collect information about how they have managed after a stroke.

Some participants will be offered targeted rehabilitation from therapists. All information collected will be confidential and used only for research purposes.

Dr Smithard said: "Many people have problems getting back to normal activities after a stroke. This project is a fantastic opportunity for stroke patients to get help and it will also improve local rehabilitation services."

For more details, email Linda Cowie at lindacowie@nhs.net.

Putting away those shears will help our feathered friends

THE RSPB is urging gardeners to check hedges and shrubs for late nesting birds before getting out the shears.

The charity's Sophie McCallum said: "The RSPB receives a lot of calls from people who have started hedge trimming and discovered a nest. It is disturbing for gardeners to think they have upset their garden birds and they worry they may fly the nest and the young won't survive."

The RSPB recommends starting winter trimming in late September, at the earliest, as cutting now can also deprive birds and mammals of food.



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DAY & NIGHT

Fantasy art on show

WORK by 96-year-old fantasy artist Cyril Parfitt can be seen in Ramsgate this weekend.

The exhibition will be on display upstairs at the Old Custom House in Harbour Parade from Friday to Sunday. For details call 01843 581427 or 07749 572388 or go to www.cyrilparfitt.co.uk.

Celebrate world music

WORLD music will be celebrated at Chilli Fried: The Afro-Latin Beat.

Music for Change presents BouGaRaBou and DJ Jamie Renton at the East Quay Venue at Whitstable Harbour from 8pm on Friday. Tickets cost £8 in advance from Hotel Continental or £10 on the door. For details visit www.musicforchange.org.

Jazz legend at Grand

ENJOY live jazz by the Richard Rozze Quintet at The Grand in Folkestone on Thursday night.

Jazz trumpet legend Dick Pearce will join Rozze on guitar, Perry White on keyboard, Olly Blanchflower on double bass and Vince Price on drums.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £6. To book call 01303 277175.

Write your own soap

YOUNG people can write and perform a mini soap opera for Ashford Visual Arts and Architecture Festival.

Anyone aged 12 and above can join the workshops at Ashford Adult Education Centre from Monday to next Friday and Tuesday, August 3. The work will be performed at the Memorial Gardens on September 18. For details visit www.shared-space.org.uk.

Comedy while you dine

GET ready to giggle when the Comedy Club returns to Ashford International Hotel on Friday.

MC Padraig Hyland will appear with Andy White and Eddy Brimson. The show starts at 9pm and tickets cost £16, or £22 including a two-course meal, with a discount for members. Book on 01233 219988 or visit www.hahaheehee.com.

Music at bandstand

FREE live music is on offer at Dane John Gardens in Canterbury this week-end with Bands on the Stand.

Organised by swing and jive band, the Goosebumps, the free event features runs from noon to 6pm on Sunday.

The event will raise money for the British Red Cross. To find out more visit www.goosebumpsmusic.co.uk.

Thriller by Gaslight

A NEWLY-married woman fears for her sanity when strange things happen in Patrick Hamilton's thriller, Gaslight.

The show runs at the Memorial Theatre in Broadstairs from Thursday to Sunday. Tickets cost £10.50 or £12.50 for non-members of Sarah Thorne Theatre Club, who must book a day in advance on 0845 262 6263 or emailing info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk.

Rare chance to see top comic

ROSS NOBLE

Tuesday, September 14

Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



CULT comedian Ross Noble will be performing for a lucky audience in Canterbury next month.

The affable comic usually plays to very large venues and has achieved the best-selling show at both the Edinburgh Festival and Melbourne International Festival. Yet the long-haired funny man will be entertaining his fans in the relatively intimate surroundings of the Gulbenkian when he warms up for his new tour, Nonsensory Overload.

Tickets for Noble's shows always sell fast, but at the time of writing, a handful of tickets remain, so book without delay if you want to see this highly-gifted and acclaimed comedian in action.

Although Noble mostly turns down offers to appear on television, he has earned a huge following during his years in the comedy business.

Much of his popularity has spread by word of mouth and he has unveiled a new stand-up show every year since 1999, taking his high energy and original style of comedy as far afield as Australia on a regular basis.

Raised in Cramlington in Northumberland, Noble's comedy career started as a child when he performed a street show with a friend. When his mate grew bored of the act, Noble decided to go it alone and made his comedy club debut at the age of just 15.

Due to licensing laws, the young comic had to be smuggled out through the club's kitchen straight after his set, but Noble's stellar career had taken off.

The only non-comedy jobs he has ever had were selling juggling kits in a department store and selling balloons for a travelling clown troupe, for whom he performed as a stilt walker. But his high level of critical and popular acclaim has allowed Noble to make his career mostly on the stage.

Noble's popularity has continued to soar over the years, with many fans raving about his extraordinary talent and mostly adlibbed shows. Although he claims to write gags in 'various tatty notebooks', he is renowned for his ability to spin off on random tangents and perform shows that are often largely inspired on the spot.

In this respect, Noble has been recognised as a truly remarkable performer. His achievements include being nominated for the Perrier Award for his 1999 stand-up show Laser Boy, along with winning the Barry Award, the Time Out Award and numerous other accolades.

Although Noble is often busy touring, he has accepted offers to appear on such television shows as Have I Got News for You, Jack Dee Live at the Apollo, Room 101 and Friday Night



with Jonathan Ross. On radio, he is a regular contributor to BBC Radio 4's Just a Minute and I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue.

Noble's worldwide travels have also led to the comic becoming the star of his own shows, including the Radio 4 series Ross Noble Goes Global and Ross Noble On.

Noble used to live in Australia with his wife and daughter until their home was destroyed by last year's bush fires, and the family has

since moved back to the UK.

He cites Billy Connolly as one of his comic heroes, saying on his website that the Big Yin is 'the greatest stand-up this country has produced and I would love to still be doing it at his age'.

The show is suitable for over-15s and starts at 7.45pm. Tickets cost £16. To book call the box office on 01227 769075 or visit the website at www.thegulbenkian.co.uk.





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FAME: THE MUSICAL

Wednesday, August 25, to Saturday, August 28,
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



GET ready to tap those toes when talented young performers appear in Fame: The Musical.

Thanks to Kidz on Stage and the Community Theatre Project, young people from the Shepway area will be showing off their dancing, singing and acting skills. The cast and crew will have had just two weeks to perfect the show, before seven electrifying performances.

Follow the fortunes of young show business hopefuls as they take their first steps to fame at the School of Performing Arts in New York. Find out who will

reach for the stars and who will fall by the wayside as they all strive to achieve their dreams.

Hit songs include Bring on Tomorrow, Dancing on the Sidewalk, Hard Work and the unforgettable title number, Fame. The cast includes Callum Erskine as Nick Piazza, Harriet Dury as Serena Katz, Jo Batchelor as Joe Vegas, Sam Humphries as Tyrone Jackson and Sophie Nunn as Carmen Diaz.

Tickets cost £12/£10. To book call 0844 847 1776 or visit www.leascliffhall.org.uk.



FROM FILM AND FOOTLIGHTS

Thursday, August 19, Town Hall, Dover



AN EXCLUSIVE scene and song from Shrek the Musical can be seen this week, before the show hits the West End.

The extract from the new Broadway musical will be performed by members of Dover Youth Theatre during their next production, From Film and Footlights.

Following six days of intensive workshop rehearsals, 25 talented local performers will be regaling the audience with scenes and musical numbers from a variety of popular films and stage shows.

The young actors have been working with Marie Kelly-Thomas, Michael Thomas and

West End director, Pete Faint, to create the show.

Faint has directed such high-profile productions as Chicago, The Rat Pack, Carousel, Annie, Jesus Christ Superstar and Miss Saigon.

Highlights in Thursday's show include moments from Sunset Boulevard, Brigadoon, Shakespeare in Love and Sister Act, along with the exclusive taster of Shrek the Musical.

The role of the big green ogre will be played by 17-year-old Ben Steele, a local actor who studies at Canterbury College.

The performance starts at 7.30pm and admission is free.

DIPPERS AND DUNKERS

Friday, August 20, to Friday, August 27
Various venues, Margate



MARGATE plays host to a week of saucy seaside fun with the return of the Dippers and Dunkers.

As part of Thanet's Summer of Festivals series, the event returns for a second year to offer Margate's famous traditions with a contemporary twist. Named after the Victorian locals who 'dipped and dunked' their visitors in the sea, the week-long extravaganza features traditional entertainment.

National and international stars of the New Variety scene will appear in the Sassy Seaside Show at the Theatre Royal Margate on Friday and Saturday, with Romany, the Magic Circle's Magician of the Year, heading straight from her Las Vegas show to act as host.

Some captivating sideshows will be on offer in the Old Town, such as the Headless Lady, the Legless Lady and the Monster Show. Learn about the saucy history of British burlesque in A Glimpse of Stocking, laugh the night away with comedian Earl Okin and marvel at the exhibits in the Insect Museum.

To find out more visit the festival website at www.dippersanddunkers.org.uk.



BROADSTAIRS WATER GALA

Wednesday, August 25,
Victoria Gardens & Promenade, Broadstairs

TRADITIONAL family entertainment can be enjoyed at next week's Broadstairs Water Gala.

Sponsored by KOS Media, the annual event boasts new games and competitions this year. The event gets underway at 9.30am with the Teddy Bear's Picnic at Lillyputt Mini Golf on Victoria Parade. Those who would like to test their strength can take part in the greasy pole competition, the Tug o' War and the beach volleyball contest.

Teams who would like to tackle the pole or take part in the Millers and Sweeps Raft Race should contact the harbour master, Andy Wood, on 07847 473615.

Swimmers can take part in the sponsored swim from Ramsgate main beach to Viking Bay by calling Neil Morgan on 07812 991445.

The beach hut decoration competition takes the theme of Club Tropicana this year and huts can be hired daily by contacting the Day Inspector, by the Viking Bay Café. With lots of traditional seaside games, a funfair, craft stalls, live music and evening fireworks, there is lots to look forward to.

To find out more call 01227 700894 or 07789 746828.

SCULPTURE AT THE SECRET GARDEN

Monday, August 23, to Monday, August 30,
The Secret Gardens, Sandwich

STUNNING art work will be displayed alongside nature when the Secret Gardens host the third annual sculpture exhibition.

As part of Sandwich Festival, the gardens become a living art gallery next week to showcase the work of art group Pure Form.

Founded by local artists and sculptor Patrick Crouch, the group creates works of art from mostly reclaimed pieces of old architecture from Canterbury's historic buildings. These include pieces taken from the cathedral during restoration work.

Pure Form has up to 70 members from a diverse range of backgrounds and more than 35 artists will be taking part in the exhibition.

Visitors to the Secret Gardens will also be able to see sculpting in action as pieces are created from raw materials. This year, all the exhibits will be auctioned on the last day of the exhibition.

The Secret Gardens are open from 10am to 5pm daily as part of Sandwich Festival Week. Admission costs £6/£5.50 for adults, £3 for children and is free for under-sixes. To find out more visit the website at www.the-secretgardens.co.uk.



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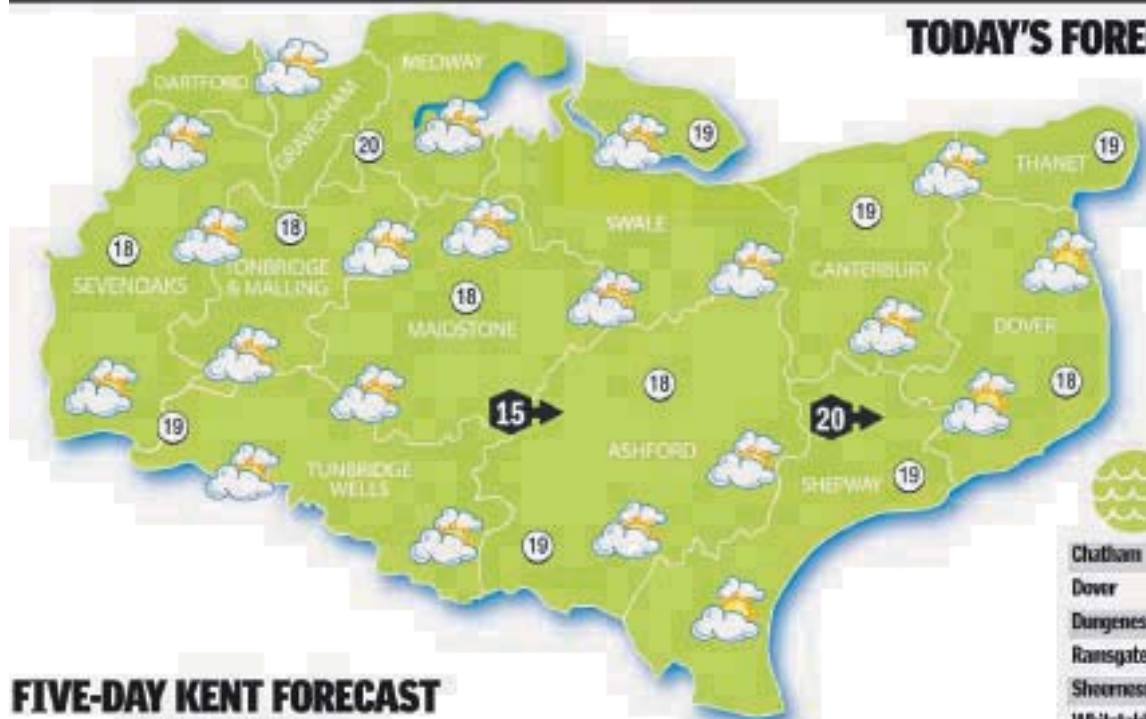
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Chatham	Saturday	11:22am 5.1m	Sunday	12:18pm 5.5m
Dover	Saturday	9:51am 5.7m	Sunday	10:39am 6.0m
Dungeness	Saturday	9:27am 6.1m	Sunday	10:24am 6.5m
Ramsgate	Saturday	10:21am 4.3m	Sunday	11:09am 4.5m
Sheerness	Saturday	11:11am 5.0m	Sunday	12:07pm 5.3m
Whitstable	Saturday	11:19am 4.7m	Sunday	12:14pm 4.9m

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST


	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon											Whitstable	Saturday	11:19am 4:7m	Sunday	12:14pm 4:9m								
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Canterbury	18°C	20°C	20°C	22°C	22°C	Faversham	18°C	19°C	19°C	21°C	21°C	Maldstone	18°C	19°C	20°C	21°C	21°C	Sittingbourne	18°C	19°C	19°C	21°C	21°C					
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Dartford	19°C	20°C	21°C	22°C	23°C	Gillingham	18°C	19°C	19°C	21°C	21°C	Rochester	18°C	19°C	19°C	21°C	21°C	Ton Weald	18°C	19°C	19°C	21°C	21°C					




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Airbender fails to come out on top in battle for our hearts and minds

■ BY DAMON SMITH

MIGHT Shyamalan is an odd choice to direct a special effects-laden adventure based on the popular Nickelodeon animated TV series, *Avatar: The Last Airbender*.

After all, this is the filmmaker who allowed us all to see dead people in *The Sixth Sense*, created a modern day superhero in *Unbreakable* and allowed an enraged Mother Nature to slaughter most of mankind in *The Happening*.

The *Last Airbender* is a very different beast: a big budget journey of discovery, punctuated by sprawling battle sequences on a similarly grand scale to *The Lord Of The Rings* trilogy, that relies heavily on spectacle rather than substance or Shyamalan's famed narrative twists.

The writer-director juggles the myriad technical elements, but he is occasionally let down by unconvincing digital effects that look more like a cartoon than live action.

Moreover, some of the performances are more wooden than the gargantuan sets, creating repeated moments of unintentional hilarity that cuts through the dramatic tension.

The worst offender is a seemingly innocuous line from a village elder about her young charge being "the last bender" for miles.

Orphaned siblings Sokka (Jackson Rathbone) and Katara (Nicola Peltz) discover a young boy called Aang (Noah Ringer) frozen in the ice near their village.

The tyke is covered in strange tattoos and the siblings surmise that Aang must be the Avatar, destined to manipulate the four elements (air, water, earth, fire).

No sooner have the children arrived back at their village than outcast Prince Zuko (Dev Patel) from the Fire Nation and his soldiers capture Aang and hold him hostage aboard their ship. Thankfully, the prisoner escapes and begins the journey back to his temple, accompanied by Sokka and Katara.



Picture: PA Photo/Panorama

TATTOED STRANGER: Noah Ringer as Aang, the Avatar who faces the tough task of stopping the Fire Nation enslaving the Water, Air and Earth Nations

Meanwhile, Zuko's father Fire Lord Ozai (Cliff Curtis) entreats trusted Commander Zhao (Asif Mandvi) to find Aang, and prevent the boy from achieving his destiny.

The *Last Airbender* screens in 3D in select cinemas, but the increasingly popular format was an afterthought, so don't bother paying the additional ticket prices for the honour of wearing uncomfortable plastic spectacles.

A caption card at the beginning reads Book

One: Water and it quickly becomes clear that this is the first film in a potential series.

It's hard to imagine subsequent chapters ever making it to the big screen.

Ringer is a likeable hero, struggling to comprehend his pre-ordained path, and Patel wrings as much pathos as possible from his underwritten role as the exiled prodigal son.

Watery special effects aren't convincing, and a pivotal scene in which one character sacri-

fices their life for the good of mankind fails to bring a tear to the eye.

"[Aang] will begin to win hearts because it's in hearts that all wars are won," says one sage.

Regrettably, in the battle for our hearts and minds, Shyamalan comes up short.

THE LAST AIRBENDER 
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CHALLENGE: Amish teenagers are thrown in at the deep end of British culture



YOUR TV REVIEW AMISH: WORLD'S SQUAREST TEENAGERS: Channel 4, 8pm, Sunday

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

WHEN a television programme puts God-fearing Amish teenagers with their British counterparts to experience the extremes of our society, we know we can expect tantrums, shouting and denunciations.

But watching *'Amish: World's Squarest Teenagers'* that is precisely not what we get.

Channel 4's latest reality television offering went for the usual inflammatory mix of people who really should never meet.

In this case, the cast was barn-raising, electricity-shunning Christians and a parade of Britain's finest ghetto kids, festival-goers and toffs.

The programme was interspersed with bible-readings from an Amish elder, showing the Good Book disproving of the English teenagers' wild and wicked ways.

But instead of Wife Swap-style

recriminations, there was something absolutely wonderful about watching these quiet, calm, thoughtful youngsters learning about how we live.

Instead of telling everyone they are damned to a fiery afterlife, the five Amish youngsters, who had never drunk, smoked, heard rock music or encountered crime before, learned incredibly touching lessons from their British counterparts.

When welcomed on to a London estate by a family and shown stabbing sites and urban dancing, the three boys and two girls wonder at the warmth they are shown. They even accept provocative dancing may actually be a good thing if it keeps teenagers off the streets.

During the weekly show we got to

see the amazement on the teenagers' faces when they saw the sea for the first time, share one of the girls' joy when she danced for the first time, and watch when the Christians joined a choir to pay tribute to a 14-year-old who has been stabbed.

The Americans also relaxed their strict rules to paint, go shopping and play the guitar.

And the English vagabonds learned lessons too. The inner-city kids were trashed at rounders by the active Americans, and the festival-loving girls were provoked into deep thought about the way they dress.

The episodes were not without tensions, troubles and tears, but the individuals gave a refreshing break from the usual shouting matches.

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MAKING IT BIG: Hadouken – 'grimey beats and a dollop of fluoro-pop sensibility'

SYNTH stars Hadouken are heading to Kent later this year as part of their 14-date UK tour.

The energetic fluorescent-loving five-piece, who take their name from a once-mindblowing move in the legendary Street Fighter game series – will perform at Ashford School's Brake Hall on Friday, October 29.

It's a must-see for all you grime/electro/rap crossover fans.

The Leeds-based outfit, who formed in 2006, have already built up a loyal fanbase across the UK and are on the verge of making it big, and they've got that Klaxons-esque multi-genre sound to thank for their success.

HMV described them as "a collision of grimey beats, razor-sharp lyrical dissection of nightlife and a whole dollop of fluoro-pop sensibility".

Add the catchiest of catchy beats and an infectious hyper and eager frontman in James Smith and you're half way to cap-

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

turing the full Hadouken effect.

The band's debut album, *Music For An Accelerated Culture*, sold more than 100,000 copies and saw them take the Best Electronic Artist/DJ category at the BT Digital Music Award in 2008.

Last year's follow-up album *For the Masses* drew similar praise and more is expected of their third, as yet unnamed, release.

Hadouken's Ashford gig was lined up after the band decided to spice up their latest tour by playing smaller shows.

With mainstream success on the horizon, it may be some time before Hadouken return to Ashford, so buy your ticket now.

The Brake Hall show is run in association with online radio station Filth FM, founded by Thomas Webb, who will also be DJing.

Support comes in the form of Out Like A Lion, whose single *Back to Front* is out next month.

The four-piece, who've supported the likes of Florence and the

Machine and Babushambles, played Glastonbury and Ashford's own Create Festival this year.

Tickets are £15 from www.seetickets.com or www.hadouken.com.



TOP FIVE KENT GIGS

- 1 Happy Daze - 28/8 The Drum Stanford
- 2 Fred Clark - 01/0 Hazlitt Theatre Maidstone
- 3 The Suspects - 4/9 King Edward VII in Margate
- 4 A Thousand Lights - 22/9 University of Kent, Canterbury
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TAKE IT EASY: Get away from the hustle and bustle of the main waterways on South Walsham Broad – the only private broad in Norfolk

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Why holiday Norfolk is more than just the beautiful Broads

■ BY GARY WRIGHT

AS my 13-year-old son and I paddled our canoe from the narrow waterway, which had us ducking vegetation like something from a King Kong film (his description), we suddenly burst out on to the South Walsham Broad.

I bet no-one who saw us skimming across the expanse of still water, surrounded by lush, green countryside, would have guessed that half an hour earlier neither of us had been in a canoe before – it was easy.

South Walsham Broad is the only private broad among the 120-odd miles of waterways that make up Norfolk's biggest tourist draw.

The Broads are beautiful, and while parts are packed with pleasure craft, you can easily escape the crowds.

I was surprised to learn that the Broads are man-made. Peat dug for heat between the 1100s and 1300s filled as sea levels rose and by the 16th century the navigable Broads became a vital part of the county's transport system.

Norfolk boasts more medieval churches per square mile than anywhere else in the world (it also has a tradition of village signs too, which show the history of the village – there are more than 500).

We stayed in a beautiful cottage in the tiny village of New Buckenham, 300 yards from a Norman castle, 10 miles south of Norwich, but lightyears away from the 21st century.

The village shop, a two-minute walk away before breakfast, boasted 'Provisions' on its sign. Unfortunately bread wasn't deliv-

FACT FILE: NORFOLK

Gary Wright was a guest of Norfolk Country Cottages.

His family stayed at the three-bedroom Carpenter's Cottage in New Buckenham (right) costing £400 and £550 for the week. More details of holiday homes and accommodation at www.norfolkcottages.co.uk.

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Also thanks to Hyundai for the loan of the Santa Fe CRD 4x4 for the week in Norfolk.

ered until later and there wouldn't be any eggs until tomorrow.

Just up the road though, outside a rambling home, were plenty of eggs at 90p a dozen with an honesty box alongside. There were even pictures of 'the girls' who'd laid them.

Much of Norfolk feels like that, and there were lots of honesty boxes for all manner of local produce. It can still make you think you have stepped back in time.

It has no motorways, so accept that driving even 20 miles will take 40 minutes, and enjoy the scenery. Better still, dump the car and take a bicycle. There are no steep hills and there are miles of cycle-ways.

Norwich, by contrast, is a bustling city with shopping to please everyone, from designer names to market stalls and unique shops in intricate

little Lanes like Brighton. But all the time its spectacular cathedral and dramatic castle remind you of its affluent past.

Seaside fans will love Great Yarmouth, a kiss-me-quick town on the east coast with miles of sandy beaches. Its pleasure beach provides top-notch funfair rides with a dose of adrenaline and the wooden roller coaster, complete with brake-man in the middle, shows thrill rides haven't changed much in 50 years.

Cromer on the North Norfolk coast is far more traditional, and handy for the North Norfolk Steam Railway from nearby Sheringham – 10 miles of pure nostalgia.

After a week I was sorry to leave. It is a gentler pace of life with a welcome in every pub and restaurant.

We'll definitely be back.

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MOTORS NEWS



Suzuki release a timely crossover reminder

SUZUKI has created a new flagship SX4 model.

The SZ5 4x4 (from £14,235) is available with a 1.6-litre petrol or 2.0-litre diesel unit, comes with 4x4 as standard and looks like a smart bid to remind the market that Suzuki anticipated the new vogue for 'crossovers' – family hatchbacks with 'funky chunky' SUV styling.

In diesel format, it can average at least 50mpg and run in economical two-wheel or four-wheel drive. Cheaper front-wheel drive versions of the SX4 start at £11,750.



Lexus offers IS gifts as part of its celebrations

TOYOTA luxury arm Lexus is marking 20 years in the UK with special Celebration Edition offers on its IS junior executive model.

For a limited period, IS models come with a free upgrade to IS F-Sport standard for the price of an equivalent IS 250 or 220d diesel SE-I model.

This brings alloys, leather sports front seats, aluminium pedals, sports steering wheel, boot spoiler and other extras together worth £1,680. The all new IS also comes with three years' complimentary



Good news: the Qashqai has just got even better

NISSAN'S Qashqai – one of Britain's best-selling homegrown models – has received an upgrade.

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Nissan has also boosted the n-tec luxury grade by adding 18-inch alloys as standard while a new £250 option brings chrome highlights inside and out.



SPANISH STYLE: Although the Leon FR's interior feels cheap and the dashboard is generally drab, the car is great fun to drive with an automatic 'box or manual F1-style paddles

Seat have a hot hatch with coupé style rolled into one

YOU don't need to climb into the Leon FR to be seduced.

Our test car looked superb in what the Spanish 'Auto Emocion' brand calls 'Speed Blue' – a £550 option from Seat's so-called custom palette, which looks suspiciously like what the trade also used to call 'base colours' ie the non-metallics.

But here's the thing; Seats invariably look great in bold colours and people seem happy to pay extra to escape the monochromatic motoring hell that was two decades of silver and grey metallic.

Our car was also shod with 18-inch Orion black alloys (£510) making it sure to turn heads.

It's not even Seat's hottest Leon yet the FR looks fiery enough with its coupé lines and twin-chromed exhausts.

And you are still being led by the nose as you grip the fat leather wheel and note tasteful red seat stitching, but then things unravel – the rest of the cabin is dull; it is durable, but details can feel cheap and the dashboard is generally drab.

It's a shame, when the Leon cabin is practical and spacious and the car so entertaining,

ROAD TEST SEAT LEON FR

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

using the excellent VW Golf platform and well-known VW powertrains, while infused with the character of Seat itself.

The test car was particular fun with a 170PS (167bhp) 2.0-litre turbodiesel plus six-speed/twin clutch VW DSG gearbox.

It might sound like a contradiction, but this automatic 'box is the perfect partner for a sporting car in the real world; it changes itself when you are bogged down in traffic, but you can race through the gears yourself on a clear road by using F1-style paddles on the wheel.

It's even slightly faster than the manual, taking eight seconds to reach 62mph, and only marginally worse on fuel.

Providing you use gearbox and chassis sensibly, it will average around 50mpg and attracts just £125/year in road tax – not bad for such a sporting car mixing reassuring grip and handling with a decent ride.

However, to spec up with the bold colour and alloys plus that highly attractive gearbox you will add £2,310 to the £19,490 of our FR CR model – a lot of money when you consider that the Leon range starts at a modest £13,975.



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Cash Price	Deposit	47 Monthly Payments	Weekly Equivalent	1 Final Payment
£5999	£599.90	£130.82	£31.00	£280.79
Total Amount Payable £7199.23* APR 9.9%				



04 Ford StreetKa 1.6 Convertible 2dr
in Silver, 71067 miles

Cash Price	Deposit	47 Monthly Payments	Weekly Equivalent	1 Final Payment
£3899	£389.90	£84.13	£54.00	£234.31
Total Amount Payable £4748.32* APR 9.9%				



07 Kia Sedona 2.9 Diesel MPV 5dr
in Silver, 31095 miles

Cash Price	Deposit	47 Monthly Payments	Weekly Equivalent	1 Final Payment
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Total Amount Payable £10350.49* APR 9.9%				



07 Vauxhall Astra 1.3 Hatchback 5dr Manual
in Silver, 79288 miles

Cash Price	Deposit	47 Monthly Payments	Weekly Equivalent	1 Final Payment
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Total Amount Payable £6615.70* APR 9.9%				



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A CHANGE to tax proposals could mean that new-build properties become more popular with buyers, according to one property expert.

The Government is considering a higher stamp duty tax for homes that are poorly insulated. Homes that lose large amounts of energy through draughty windows and poorly insulated lofts would be subject to the higher tax, say experts.

Reacting to the claims, the founder of newhomesforsale.co.uk Vernon Pethard said people will be encouraged to buy new homes to avoid falling foul of this tax.

"Threatening an increase in stamp duty on older, poorly insulated homes is likely to deter people from buying one because it's not always possible to bring them up to modern standards," he said.

UK best for investors in commercial property

COMMERCIAL property insurance customers have been told there is little reason to believe the UK commercial property market has become overvalued as a result of recent price rises.

Ed Stansfield, property economist, suggested the UK had seen "one of the bigger corrections" of all global commercial property markets during the downturn and, equally, one of the larger recoveries.

"The bottom line is that there is not a lot of evidence to suggest the UK market had become overvalued as a result of the upswing," he said.

Mr Stansfield's comments follow the Global Investment Perspective report by HSBC, which claimed the UK remains the most attractive commercial property market for investors.

Slight drop in number of tenants owing rent

A FIFTH of private-residential landlords have had tenants in rent arrears over the last three months, according to new research by the National Landlords Association.

During the second quarter of 2010, just over 21 per cent of landlords experienced rental arrears. This represents an improvement on the previous quarter when the figure was at 24.5 per cent.

Furthermore, the average amount of outstanding rent arrears has dropped significantly from £978 in the first three months to £799 in the second.



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MIXED MESSAGES: Despite this week's good news that house prices are creeping up some experts have issued warnings the housing market remains highly volatile at present

Market rise in house prices met with some scepticism

BY NICK AMES

THE HOUSING market has received a boost following the news from the Halifax that prices rose unexpectedly last month.

The news comes as a welcome relief as overall prices have been falling in the last few weeks, but Halifax analysts saw a 0.6 per cent upswing.

This news has been greeted with jubilation by investors and homeowners.

But there are still fears the market is volatile and has been completely settled.

The average price increased to £167,425 from £166,351 and followed falls in the previous three months, including a 0.6 per cent fall in June. The rise beat economists' forecasts of a 0.3 per cent fall in July.

"The mixed pattern of monthly rises and falls over the first seven months of the year is

consistent with a slowing market," said Martin Ellis, housing economist at Halifax.

"It is also in line with our view that house prices will be broadly unchanged over 2010 as a whole."

Prices in July were 4.8 per cent higher compared with a year earlier, the same as the year-on-year increase in June, but lower than the peak of 8.7 per cent in April.

Since the beginning of this year the average UK house price has fallen by £2,059, or 1.2 per cent. Prices are 16 per cent below their August 2007 peak.

Mr Ellis said that while low interest rates and a recovering economy continued to support the housing market, an increase in the number of properties being put on the market

– boosted by the coalition Government's abolition of Home Information Packs (HIPs) – had relieved some of the supply constraint which drove prices up in 2009.

However other experts have issued warnings.

Paul Diggle, property economist at Capital Economics said that monthly house prices were volatile and would continue to be so in the short term.

He said July's increase did not change the likelihood that prices are set for a period of "considerable weakness" in the remainder of this year and into 2011.

"The weakness in buyer activity, signs that credit conditions may be tightening again, the possibility of renewed weakness in the labour market in the next year, and the hit on household incomes that the fiscal squeeze will bring over the next few years, will all weigh on house prices," Mr Diggle said.

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chances of children being admitted to a particular school, according to Mouseprice director Selwyn Lim.

He advised parents that it is also worth considering the life-time value of such an investment.

Mr Lim explained: "That premi-

um doesn't actually sound like that much if that is to be spread across the entire schooling age of a child or 2.4 children [per family] on average. It doesn't translate to that much money per child per year if you divide it."

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Additional Learning Support Tutor/Assessor Ref: P0557

Salary: £24,792 - £28,311 per annum (dependant on qualifications and experience) Medway

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CLOSING DATE: Wednesday 25 August 2010

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The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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Maidstone

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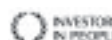
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CRICKET

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Kent League Division One

Blackheath 1st XI v Canterbury 1st XI

A WOEFUL display with the bat saw Canterbury lose away to promotion candidates Blackheath by 149 runs.

Despite the defeat their position in the table did not weaken significantly and with Hythe also losing, Canterbury are virtually secure from relegation with only three games remaining.

After losing the toss, Canterbury bowled tidily to stay in the game. Blackheath's openers put on 54 for the first wicket before Justin Macvicar took two quick wickets.

Zobie Sharif was the home side's chief threat, with a succession of partners happy to play the supporting role. The opener finally fell four short of a century, when skipper Tim Wren had him caught by Shaun O'Shea, helping the home side to a competitive 227 for 7.

Resistance

Canterbury's reply began badly, with Luke Samarasinghe out for a duck. Neil Kimberley, Paul Steer and Daniel Dolman all followed in the blink of an eye as the visitors slumped to 16 for 4.

Phil Walker provided some resistance by hitting 23, but he received little support. Only two other batsmen reached double figures and the second highest scorer was the extras column as Canterbury were outclassed.

All four of Blackheath's bowlers made the most of the opportunity to take cheap wickets and O'Shea's duck sealed the defeat as Canterbury were bowled out for 78 in the 22nd over.

Wren's side are away to Beckenham this Saturday.

Canterbury thrashed as batters fail at Blackheath



DISAPPOINTING: Canterbury's batsmen could not match their Blackheath counterparts in a one-sided game

SCORE CARD

Blackheath 1st XI

	Runs
Zobie Sharif ct O'Shea b Wren	96
Seb Slater ct Walker b Macvicar	18
Alex Semm lbw b Macvicar	5
Dipayan Paul ct Kimberley b Cooper	30
Jack Ford ct Samarasinghe b Wren	24
Paul Valkovics b Cooper	12
Ruel Brathwaite not out	17
Jahid Ahmed run out	4
Chris Willetts not out	15
James Hands did not bat	
Matt Shepherd did not bat	

Extras (1b 2lb 2w 1nb)	6
Total (7 wickets, 50 overs)	227

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Justin Macvicar	12	0	49	2
Tim Wren	11	1	55	2
Ben Cooper	14	0	53	2
Stuart Drakeley	10	1	38	0
Shaun O'Shea	3	0	29	0

Canterbury 1st XI

	Runs
Neil Kimberley b Brathwaite	2
Luke Samarasinghe b Ahmed	0
Paul Steer ct Paul b Ahmed	9
Daniel Dolman ct Paul b Brathwaite	0
Phil Walker ct Brathwaite b Hands	23
Russell Griffiths ct Ahmed b Brathwaite	4
Stuart Drakeley ct Sharif b Valkovics	11
Justin Macvicar not out	10
Tim Wren b Valkovics	0
Ben Cooper ct Ford b Valkovics	6
Shaun O'Shea b Hands	0

Extras (5b 5lb 2w 1nb)	13
Total (all out, 21.2 overs)	78

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Jahid Ahmed	7	0	20	2
Ruel Brathwaite	7	2	27	3
Paul Valkovics	4	1	12	3
James Hands	32	1	9	2

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

FRIENDLY

Kenfield Friendly XI v Street End Sunday 1st XI

STREET End's batsmen got some useful time in the middle as they beat Kenfield by 118 runs in a friendly on Sunday.

Sacha Azizi won the toss and elected to bat, which proved a good decision. Linton Denning, Will Godmon and Max Bungay all retired after hitting half centuries, while Matt Hopper (32) and Azizi (42) were also among the runs as they scored a massive 321 for 5.

Needing more than eight runs an over for victory, Kenfield found it difficult to score quickly enough. Tom Lloyd and Daniel Dolman took two wickets each as the home side finished on 203 for 8.

Street End Sunday 1st XI

	Runs
Linton Denning	retired not out 50
Will Godmon	retired not out 51
Daniel Dolman	ct Osbourne b Hart 41
Matt Hopper	ct Bowley b Hart 32
Max Howard	lbw b White 7
Sacha Azizi	b Joiner 42
Thomas Chambers	run out 2
Max Bungay	retired not out 50
Freddie Kemsley	retired not out 10
Tom Lloyd	not out 6
Hugh Gibbs-Brown	not out 4
Extras	(18b 2lb 6w) 26
Total	(5 wickets, 40 overs) 321

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
P Joiner	7	0	48	1
C Bowley	8	0	56	0
M Osbourne	7	0	59	0
S Granston	4	0	46	0
D Hart	8	0	57	2
J White	6	1	35	1

Kenfield Friendly XI

	Runs
M Osbourne	ct Hopper b Gibbs-Brown 6
D Edwards	ct Gibbs-Brown b Chambers 24
P Joiner	b Dolman 20
D Hart	st Dolman b Godmon 68
J White	b Dolman 0
C Bowley	Bungay 15
A Martin	b Lloyd 3
S Granston	not out 21
T Harris	ct Dolman b Lloyd 4
Jo Granston	not out 6
Extras	(18b 6lb 4w 8nb) 36
Total	(8 wickets, 40 overs) 203

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Max Bungay	0	M	R	W
Hugh Gibbs-Brown	8	3	28	1
Thomas Chambers	8	2	25	1
Daniel Dolman	8	1	44	1
Freddie Kemsley	2	0	2	2
Tom Lloyd	4	0	35	0
Will Godmon	7	1	29	2
	3	0	16	1

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE PREMIER
Dartfordians 1st XI v Nonington 1st XI

OUTSTANDING bowling from Ross Griggs helped set Nonington up for a two-wicket victory away to Dartfordians.

Visiting skipper Carl Knowles opted to bowl first after winning the toss and it proved a wise decision. After a steady start Dartfordians struggled to cope against an excellent bowling attack led by Griggs, who finished with 6 for 22 as the home side were bowled out for 110.

Nonington then discovered how tricky the batting conditions were at the Memorial Ground, but despite a late stumble, they knocked off the runs they needed. Victory kept them within striking range of the promotion places with a game in hand.

Dartfordians 1st XI

	Runs
Dan Bygrave	ct Birch b Paton 24
Jon Kellett	c&b Griggs 14
Scott Bygrave	lbw b Griggs 15
David Fitzpatrick	b Griggs 0
Simon Harman	b Griggs 15
Phil Ellis	lbw b Tutton 16
Chris Scott	lbw b Griggs 0
Jim Curtis	ct Knowles b Griggs 4
Steve Barden	ct Paton b Knowles 3
Steve Ellis	not out 0
Michael Ellis	b Knowles 0
Extras	(5b 2lb 11w 1nb) 19
Total	(all out, 37.4 overs) 110

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Rob Paton	8	3	26	1
Carl Knowles	6.4	1	17	2
Ross Griggs	12	6	22	6
Josh Tutton	11	2	36	1

Nonington 1st XI

	Runs
Matt Sadler	b Barden 9
Daniel Pilbeam	ct Harman b Barden 10
Kieron Burrett	b Ellis 28
Nathan Charlton	ct Bygrave b Ellis 4
Daniel Birch	not out 29
Josh Cole	ct Scott b Ellis 0
Rob Paton	lbw b Curtis 12
Josh Tutton	b Curtis 4
Ross Griggs	ct Ellis b Curtis 0
Carl Knowles	not out 4
Gary Coulson	did not bat
Extras	(5b 2lb 3w 4nb) 14
Total	(8 wickets, 31.1 overs) 114

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Simon Harman	6	1	7	0
Chris Scott	4	0	10	0
Steve Barden	5	1	12	2
Steve Ellis	8	0	34	3
Jim Curtis	6.1	0	29	3
Michael Ellis	2	0	15	0

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER 2ND XI
Whitstable 2nd XI v Hayes 2nd XI

A LOSING draw against Hayes 2nds saw Whitstable's second string drop two places to fourth in the Premier Division 2nd XI.

With rain reducing the game to 42 overs per side, Hayes made a good fist of their innings by reaching 226 for 6. Andy Robertson, Stuart Clements and Jamie Watkins shared the wickets out evenly, but Hayes will have been the happier of the two sides at the halfway stage.

Whitstable's chances rested on a partnership between Darren Bovis (48) and Dean Lewis (40), who put on 60 for the sixth wicket, but it was not enough as the hosts came up short on 205 for 9.

Hayes 2nd XI

	Runs
Mark Whetren	lbw b Robertson 27
Daniel Rees	lbw b Robertson 34
Matthew Brown	ct Watkins b Clements 1
Martin Pratt	ct Gould b Clements 30
Rory Allen	ct Bovis b Watkins 61
Sam Davis	ct Hardy b Watkins 46
Colin Couldrey	not out 0
Andy Jackson	did not bat
Ian Fieldwick	did not bat
Steve Sharpe	did not bat
Alex Duke	did not bat
Extras	(23b 3lb 1w) 27
Total	(6 wickets, 42 overs) 226

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Andy Robertson	13	3	31	2
Byron Gould	3	0	19	0
Stuart Clements	13	2	42	2
Duncan Hardy	8	0	49	0
John Butterworth	2	0	29	0
Jamie Watkins	3	0	30	2

Whitstable 2nd XI

	Runs
Jamie Watkins	ct Allen b Jackson 14
Byron Gould	ct Rees b Couldrey 27
Stuart Clements	b Duke 27
Graham Gould	ct Pratt b Sharpe 4
Darren Bovis	b Duke 48
John Butterworth	lbw b Fieldwick 6
Dean Lewis	ct Brown b Sharpe 40
Tom Jessup	ct Davis b Couldrey 14
Duncan Hardy	ct Brown b Couldrey 3
Keiron Jessup	ct Davis b Couldrey 4
Andy Robertson	not out 0
Extras	(4b 2lb 9w 3nb) 18
Total	(9 wickets, 42 overs) 205

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Alex Duke	13	0	58	2
Andy Jackson	5	0	29	1
Colin Couldrey	9	0	28	3
Anthony Sharpe	8	1	42	2
Ian Fieldwick	7	1	42	1

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE
2ND XI

Chestfield 2nd XI v Old Elthamians 2nd XI

A LOW scoring thriller saw Chestfield 2nds beat their Old Elthamians counterparts by eight runs to clamber out of the relegation zone at the expense of their opponents.

Put into bat, Chestfield's batsmen found conditions difficult from the outset. The wickets continued to fall regularly and the hosts were grateful to Brett Marshall (33 not out) and a generous extras column to reach 148 all out.

Paul Bell and Andrew Hammond got the visitors' reply away to a great start, but there was little support after they were dismissed. They finished just short, bowled out in the final over.

Chestfield 2nd XI

	Runs
Sean Whittam	ct Webb b Driscoll 17
Harrison Wells	b Das 7
Keith Waters	ct Bell b Das 5
Alan Henry	c&b Fowle 15
Brian Moody-Smith	b Doyle 9
Aaron Ferris	ct Johns b Fowle 11
Jordan Loft	b Fowle 0
Ian Attenborough	ct Appleyard b Johns 12
Brett Marshall	not out 33
Steven Murray	b Johns 0
Patrick Knowles	ct Fowle b Das 2
Extras	(4b 3lb 2w 1nb) 37
Total	(all out, 49.1 overs) 148

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Priyank Das	12.1	0	36	3
Daniel Driscoll	7	0	23	1
James Doyle	6	0	26	1
James Fowle	6	1	13	3
Aashish Panchasara	8	1	25	0
Nick Johns	8	5	11	2
Harrish Maheethan	2	0	7	0

Old Elthamians 2nd XI

	Runs
Paul Bell	st Ferris b Whittam 30
Andrew Hammond	ct Moody-Smith b Henry 42
Daniel Driscoll	ct Marshall b Knowles 2
Keith Webb	lbw b Henry 9
Scott Appleyard	ct Attenborough b Knowles 9
James Fowle	b Knowles 4
Aashish Panchasara	c&b Henry 12
Harrish Maheethan	ct Waters b Knowles 5
Nick Johns	b Waters 5
James Doyle	ct Marshall b Waters 6
Priyank Das	not out 0
Extras	(7b 1lb 17w) 25
Total	(all out, 49.2 overs) 140

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Brian Moody-Smith	8	1	28	0
Aaron Ferris	6	1	25	0
Patrick Knowles	15	2	38	4
Alan Henry	15	6	23	3
Keith Waters	3.2	0	13	2
Sean Whittam	2	0	5	1

Experienced duo fit for Lancashire visit

CRICKET

BY GLENN PEARSON

KENT return to action today after a ten-day break which has allowed several players with injuries time to heal before what will be a crucial last month of the summer.

Simon Cook was only able to play a bit-part role in the draw with Somerset two weeks ago after a finger injury prevented him bowling, while Geraint Jones picked up a niggling injury during his career-best 178.

Strain

Skipper Rob Key will also benefit from the break as he has only just returned after a broken finger, which means the side should be close to full strength for the LV= County Championship game with Lancashire at St Lawrence, which starts at 11am today.

The only senior player unavailable is Robbie Joseph, who continues to suffer with a shoulder strain, while Azhar Mahmood is unlikely to feature after playing back-to-back championship games against Essex and Somerset.

The players have been given the full week off before two days of intense training start



RECOVERY: Simon Cook and Geraint Jones should both be fit for today's championship game against Lancashire

today, and head coach Paul Farbrace expects the time away from the game to have done his side some good.

He said: "I think it has come at a good time. Players have gone into the rest period full of confidence.

"They have all been tasked with thinking very carefully about how they need to play over the last five or six weeks of the season and what they need to do, rather than getting caught up in the points we need.

"People are starting to take responsibility

for their own game and we are seeing the rewards of that."

Farbrace spent his time off last week watching the second-team against the MCC Universities at Fenner's in Cambridge, where he ran the rule over trialists Will Rudge (Gloucestershire), Paul Muchall (Durham) and Luke Radford (Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Derbyshire).

He said: "It was a chance to have a look at them to see if there is scope for one or two of those for next season."

FOOTBALL



BRACE: Ian Pulman scored twice for Whitstable

Oystermen optimistic of a change of fortune

AN IMPRESSIVE performance capped off Whitstable Town's pre-season with a 4-1 win at home to Folkestone Invicta on Saturday.

Stuart Vahid and Ian Pulman scored two each to give the Oystermen a deserved win against their Ryman Premier opponents, who were admittedly missing several first-team players.

The victory, which came four days after Whitstable gave Maidstone United a good game in a 1-0 defeat, has given supporters hope of an encouraging season.

After three years spent flirting with relegation in the Ryman South, there is genuine optimism at the Belmont that the side can do more than make up the numbers in this campaign.

Mark Lane opted to stay on as manager permanently after successfully guiding the team to safety in the spring and has built what looks a competitive squad.

In Vahid, Pulman, Dave Cory and Jon Neal they have plenty of options going forward and the addition of Dave Soutan from Faversham has added some much-needed steel in midfield.

Whitstable's credentials will be tested this Saturday, when last season's beaten play-off finalists Godalming Town visit the Belmont.

Last weekend's results mean the club now know their FA Cup opponents later this month. They will host Croydon of the Combined Counties League on August 28.



WELL RESTED: Kristian House (right) is in good form

House benefiting from time out of the saddle

CYCLING

ROTATION policies are not always popular, but Kristian House is feeling the benefit of regular rests this season as he prepares for the Tour of Britain next month.

The former national road race champion finished third on the general classification in the four-day Mi Aout Bretagne in northern France on Sunday, the final big event before the focus switches to the Tour of Britain.

House, who grew up near Canterbury, is in good form after winning the Richmond Grand Prix earlier this month and has welcomed his Rapha Condor Sharp team's willingness to rest their riders during the long season.

He said: "I've taken care of myself throughout the year with all the travelling we've done. It comes with experience and a manager like John [Herety] who is able to pre-empt you being ill or tired. He switches riders out a lot and gives you enough rest."

The extra energy could make all the difference come the critical points in the Tour of Britain, which is the highlight on the domestic cycling calendar. House was named among Rapha's provisional team and this week will ride the two stages in the South West, which offer his best chance of a stage victory.

Halsey slams Bay after poor start to campaign

FOOTBALL

Alresford Town 5 Herne Bay 2

PLAYERS will be leaving Herne Bay this week according to manager Simon Halsey, as he looks to improve discipline in the squad after a poor start to the season.

An opening day league defeat at home to Erith & Belvedere was followed up by an early exit in the FA Cup, as Bay went down 5-2 to Alresford Town.

The visitors were severely punished for individual errors and only restored a veneer of respectability with goals from Michael Jenner and Tom Bryant in the last five minutes.

Cuts

Halsey's preparations have been limited over the last few weeks by players taking ill-timed holidays since the start of pre-season, with Stuart King and Byron Walker missing Saturday's game. The Bay boss will address the squad this week and intends to make cuts.

He said: "On the last day of last season everyone was handed an itinerary for pre-season asking them to book their holidays early. Some of them haven't taken that on board and we've had a dishevelled pre-season with players away and some are still taking them."

"There will be players leaving this week. It's great to have a big squad but I've got to concentrate on the other players. I couldn't fault their commitment last season, but I



UNHAPPY: Herne Bay manager Simon Halsey

just think some of them have got that second season syndrome.

"I won't let myself be sacked and if I have to make decisions that are a bit cut throat then so be it."

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